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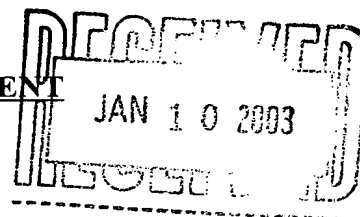
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PROCESSING MICROFLUIDIC SAMPLES OF
PARTICLE CONTAINING FLUIDS

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Washington, D.C. 20231



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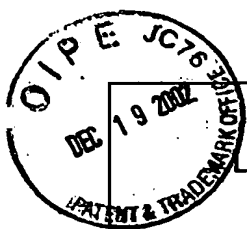
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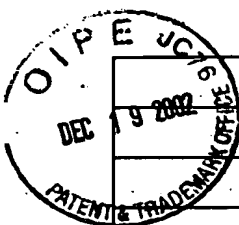
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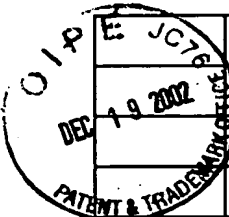
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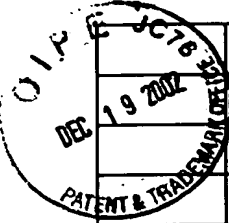
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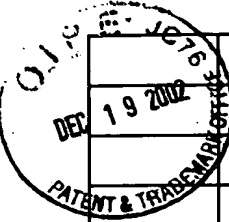
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